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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)	
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DEAN <i>et al.</i>)	Art Unit: 1637
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Application No. 09/977,868)	Examiner: Kenneth R. Horlick
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Filing Date: October 15, 2001)	Confirmation No. 3745
)	
For: NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION)	
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on September 9, 2004 please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 53 of this Amendment.